

**OFFICIAL JOURNAL
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SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Seventh Organizational Meeting of the Senate
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 14, 2008

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 o'clock A.M., by
Honorable Donald E. Hines, President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members-elect answered to
their names:

PRESENT

Adley	Erdey	Michot
Alario	Gautreaux B	Morrish
Amedee	Gautreaux N	Mount
Broome	Gray	Murray
Cassidy	Hebert	Nevers
Chaisson	Heitmeier	Quinn
Cheek	Jackson	Riser
Cravins	Kostelka	Scalise
Crowe	LaFleur	Shaw
Donahue	Long	Shepherd
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Smith
Duplessis	Martiny	Thompson
Dupre	McPherson	Walsworth

Total - 39

ABSENT

Total - 0

The President of the Senate announced there were 39 members-
elect present and a quorum.

Invocation

The prayer was offered by Dr. Rodney Wood, following which
the Senate was led by Secretary of State, Jay Dardenne in the Pledge
of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Messages from the
Secretary of the State**

The following messages from the Secretary of State were
received and read as follows:

Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Louisiana
January 7, 2008

To the President of the Senate
State of Louisiana

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S.
18:573, the name of the persons who have received the greatest
number of votes cast for State Senate in the Legislature of Louisiana

from their respective Senatorial Districts, and who have been duly
proclaimed elected.

Sincerely,
JAY DARDENNE
Secretary of State

United States of America
State of Louisiana
Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby
Certify that the following candidates are declared elected by the
people to the office set above their names.

1st Senatorial District	A.G. Crowe
2nd Senatorial District	Ann Duplessis
3rd Senatorial District	Derrick Shepherd
4th Senatorial District	Edwin Murray
5th Senatorial District	Cheryl A. Gray
6th Senatorial District	Julie Quinn
7th Senatorial District	David Heitmeier
8th Senatorial District	John A. Alario, Jr.
9th Senatorial District	Stephen J. Scalise
10th Senatorial District	Daniel R. "Danny" Martiny
11th Senatorial District	"Jack" Donahue
12th Senatorial District	Ben Wayne Nevers
13th Senatorial District	Dale Erdey
14th Senatorial District	Yvonne Dorsey
15th Senatorial District	Sharon Weston Broome
16th Senatorial District	"Bill" Cassidy
17th Senatorial District	Robert "Rob" Marionneaux, Jr.
18th Senatorial District	"Jody" Amedee
19th Senatorial District	Joel T. Chaisson II
20th Senatorial District	Reggie Dupre, Jr.
21st Senatorial District	"Butch" Gautreaux
22nd Senatorial District	Troy Hebert
23rd Senatorial District	"Mike" Michot
24th Senatorial District	Donald "Don" Cravins, Jr.
25th Senatorial District	Dan "Blade" Morrish
26th Senatorial District	"Nick" Gautreaux
27th Senatorial District	Willie L. Mount
28th Senatorial District	Eric LaFleur
29th Senatorial District	"Joe" McPherson
30th Senatorial District	John Smith
31st Senatorial District	Gerald Long
32nd Senatorial District	Neil Riser
33rd Senatorial District	"Mike" Walsworth
34th Senatorial District	Francis Thompson
35th Senatorial District	Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka
36th Senatorial District	Robert Adley
37th Senatorial District	B.L. "Buddy" Shaw
38th Senatorial District	Sherri Smith Cheek
39th Senatorial District	Lydia P. Jackson

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused
the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on
January 7, 2008.

JAY DARDENNE
Secretary of State

Senator McPherson moved that the qualifications of the above
named Senators-elect be accepted and the Senators should be
administered the Oath of Office.

Without objection.

Administering the Oath of Office

The oath prescribed by Article X, Section 30, of the Constitution
was administered by Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., to the
following hereinafter named Senators-elect:

Adley	Erdey	Michot
Alario	Gautreaux B	Morrish
Amedee	Gautreaux N	Mount
Broome	Gray	Murray

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Cassidy	Hebert	Nevers
Chaisson	Heitmeier	Quinn
Cheek	Jackson	Riser
Cravins	Kostelka	Scalise
Crowe	LaFleur	Shaw
Donahue	Long	Shepherd
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Smith
Duplessis	Martiny	Thompson
Dupre	McPherson	Walsworth

Organization

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Hines in the Chair

Election of President of the Senate

Senator Amedee placed in nomination the name of Senator Joel T. Chaisson II.

Senator Marionneaux seconded the nomination.

Motion

Senator Michot moved the nominations be closed and Senator Chaisson be elected President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Adley	Erdey	Michot
Alario	Gautreaux B	Morrish
Amedee	Gautreaux N	Mount
Broome	Gray	Murray
Cassidy	Hebert	Nevers
Chaisson	Heitmeier	Quinn
Cheek	Jackson	Riser
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Donahue	Long	Shepherd
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Smith
Duplessis	Martiny	Thompson
Dupre	McPherson	Walsworth

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Chaisson was elected.

The oath of office was administered by Judge Joel T. Chaisson.

Senate President Chaisson in the Chair

Election of President Pro Tempore of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President Pro Tempore of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Jackson placed in nomination the name of Senator Sharon Weston Broome.

Senator Nevers seconded the nomination.

Motion

Senator Murray moved the nominations be closed and Senator Broome be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President	Erdey	Michot
Adley	Gautreaux B	Morrish
Alario	Gautreaux N	Mount
Amedee	Gray	Murray
Broome	Hebert	Nevers
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Quinn
Cheek	Jackson	Riser
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Dorsey	Marionneaux	Smith
Duplessis	Martiny	Thompson
Dupre	McPherson	Walsworth

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Broome was elected.

The oath of office was administered by Mrs. Lisa Woodruff-White.

Election of Secretary of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Secretary of the Senate was now in order.

Senator Nevers placed in nomination the name of Glenn A. Koepf.

Senator Adley seconded the nomination.

Motion

Senator Mount moved the nomination be closed and Mr. Koepf be elected Secretary of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President	Erdey	Michot
Adley	Gautreaux B	Morrish
Alario	Gautreaux N	Mount
Amedee	Gray	Murray
Broome	Hebert	Nevers
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Quinn
Cheek	Jackson	Riser
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Crowe	LaFleur	Shaw
Donahue	Long	Shepherd
Dorsey	Marionneau	Smith
Duplessis	Martiny	Thompson
Dupre	McPherson	Walsworth
Total - 39		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Mr. Koeppe was elected.

The oath of office was administered by the President of the Senate.

Election of Sergeant at Arms of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Sergeant at Arms of the Senate was now in order.

Senator McPherson placed in nomination the name of John Keller.

Senator Mount seconded the nomination.

Motion

Senator Cravins moved the nominations be closed and Mr. Keller be elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr President	Erdey	Michot
Adley	Gautreaux B	Morrish
Alario	Gautreaux N	Mount
Amedee	Gray	Murray
Broome	Hebert	Nevers
Cassidy	Heitmeier	Quinn
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Donahue	Long	Shepherd
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Duplessis	Martiny	Thompson
Dupre	McPherson	Walsworth
Total - 39		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Mr. Keller was elected.

The oath of office was administered by the President of the Senate.

Benediction

The benediction was offered by Dr. Tommy O. Linton, Jr.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Broome, the Senate adjourned its organizational meeting.

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

LYNDA E. WHEELER
Journal Clerk

